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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

> Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation in WT Docket No. 05-265; Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Services Providers

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on March 13, 2006, Michael Burns, Director – Roamer Services, and Andy Lachance, Regulatory Counsel of Verizon Wireless met with David Furth, John Branscome, Paul Murray, Walt Strack, Nese Guendelsberger, Eli Johnson, Genie Barton, Heidi Kroll, Martin Liebman, and Won Kim of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding.

Mr. Lachance discussed highlights of the comments and reply comments filed by Verizon Wireless in the proceeding. Mr. Burns then discussed how Verizon Wireless negotiates automatic roaming agreements with other carriers. Mr. Burns and Mr. Lachance then answered questions from staff seeking clarification of points made in the comments and on other issues raised in the proceeding.

Through its presentation and answers, Verizon Wireless stressed that market-based principles are working to ensure that carriers that want automatic roaming agreements can get such agreements on reasonable terms and conditions. There is no market failure and therefore no justification to depart from market-based roaming. Any departure from market-based roaming would be contrary to years of FCC decisions and would likely harm consumers.

Respectfully submitted,

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